



February 15, 2013

SENATE BILL No. 209

DIGEST OF SB 209 (Updated February 13, 2013 3:58 pm - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 21-7; IC 21-12; IC 21-13; IC 21-14.

Synopsis: Degree mapping. Provides that the limit on eligibility is four academic years for: (1) higher education awards; (2) freedom of choice grants; (3) tuition grants from the twenty-first century scholars program; (4) part-time student grant program; (5) insurance education scholarship fund; (6) minority teacher scholarships; special education, occupational therapy, and physical therapy scholarships; (7) nursing scholarship fund; (8) national guard tuition supplement program; (9) tuition exemption for senior citizens; and (10) tuition and fee exemption for children and surviving spouse of public safety officer killed in the line of duty. (Current law provides that the limit for eligibility is eight semesters or 12 quarters.) Adds definition of "degree map". Provides that, not later than August 1, 2013, the commission for higher education (commission) shall develop guidelines or rules to provide a state educational institution guidance for establishing degree maps for each full-time student attending the state educational institution. Requires, for a full-time student who enrolls after July 31, 2014, that a state educational institution must develop a degree map based on the student's specific educational objective or course of study. Requires a student who receives a Frank O'Bannon grant or a twenty-

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Effective: Upon passage; September 1, 2013.

Kruse, Banks

January 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 17, 2013, amended; reassigned to Committee on Education and Career Development.

February 14, 2013, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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first century scholars award to complete academic requirements specified in the student's degree map for the academic year in order to renew the grant or award. Requires a state educational institution to ensure that courses necessary for the student to comply with the student's degree map are available for the student during the academic term in which the student is required to complete the particular course in accordance with the student's degree map. Provides that a state educational institution must provide a course to the student at no cost during the next academic term in which the course is offered, if: (1) the state educational institution does not offer a course which the student must take to comply with the student's degree map during the current academic term; (2) the timing of the course conflicts with other courses the student is required to take to comply with the student's degree map for the current academic term; or (3) the course is full. Establishes a performance grant for a student who attends a state educational institution if the student earns either a baccalaureate or an associate degree on or before the date the student is expected to earn the degree pursuant to the student's degree map. Provides that the performance grant shall be paid for by the commission from any funds available to the commission. Makes conforming amendments. Makes technical amendment.

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SENATE BILL No. 209

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-7-13-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
3 **[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13.5. "Degree map" refers to**
4 **a student reference developed by a state educational institution**
5 **under guidelines or rules developed by the commission under**
6 **IC 21-12-14-1, which provides an academic term by academic term**
7 **sequence of course options that will allow the full-time student to**
8 **complete either:**
9 (1) a baccalaureate degree within four (4) academic years; or
10 (2) an associate degree within two (2) academic years;
11 **in the student's intended field of study. The reference shall specify**
12 **the expected date that the student will earn a baccalaureate degree**
13 **or an associate degree and the academic requirements that a**
14 **student should complete each academic year to timely earn a**
15 **degree.**
16 SECTION 2. IC 21-12-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
17 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. A higher education award recipient is
 2 not eligible for assistance after the recipient has received an award for
 3 a total of eight (8) semesters or twelve (12) quarters of postsecondary
 4 education the number of academic terms that constitutes four (4)
 5 undergraduate academic years.

6 SECTION 3. IC 21-12-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2011,
 7 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) A higher education award for a student
 9 in a program leading to a baccalaureate degree may be renewed for a
 10 total of three (3) undergraduate academic years following the academic
 11 year of the first award or until an earlier time as the student receives a
 12 degree normally obtained in four (4) undergraduate academic years. A
 13 higher education award for a student in a program leading to a
 14 technical certificate or an undergraduate associate degree may be
 15 renewed for the number of academic years normally required to obtain
 16 a certificate or degree in the student's program. The commission may
 17 grant a renewal only upon application and only upon its finding that:

- 18 (1) the applicant has successfully completed the work of a
 19 preceding year;
 20 (2) the applicant remains domiciled in Indiana;
 21 (3) the recipient's financial situation continues to warrant an
 22 award, based on the financial requirements set forth in section
 23 (1)(a)(3) of this chapter;
 24 (4) the applicant is eligible under section 2 of this chapter; ~~and~~
 25 (5) subject to subsection (b), if the student initially enrolls in an
 26 eligible institution for a semester (or its equivalent) beginning
 27 after June 30, 2012, the student maintains at least the following
 28 cumulative grade point average:

29 (A) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the
 30 applicant's freshman academic year, a cumulative grade point
 31 average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory
 32 academic progress.

33 (B) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the
 34 applicant's sophomore academic year, a cumulative grade
 35 point average of 2.25 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent
 36 as established by the eligible institution.

37 (C) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the
 38 applicant's junior or senior academic year, a cumulative grade
 39 point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as
 40 established by the eligible institution; **and**

- 41 **(6) the applicant meets the requirements under**
 42 **IC 21-12-13-2.5.**

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1 (b) After the first semester or its equivalent at the eligible institution
 2 that a person does not achieve the requisite cumulative grade point
 3 average specified in subsection (a)(5), the person is considered to be on
 4 probation and must achieve the requisite cumulative grade point
 5 average by the next semester or its equivalent at the eligible institution
 6 in order to continue to receive benefits under this chapter.

7 SECTION 4. IC 21-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.229-2011,
 8 SECTION 229, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) Subject to IC 21-12-13-2,
 10 a scholarship awarded under section 6 of this chapter or this section
 11 may be renewed. To qualify for a scholarship renewal, a scholarship
 12 recipient must do the following:

13 (1) Submit to the commission a renewal application that contains
 14 all the information and evidence required by the commission to
 15 determine eligibility for the scholarship renewal.

16 (2) Continue to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing
 17 at an eligible institution.

18 (3) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll
 19 in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2
 20 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who
 21 are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an
 22 income or financial resources test applied to them when they
 23 subsequently apply to renew a scholarship. Continue to have a
 24 lack of financial resources reasonably available to the applicant,
 25 as defined by the commission, that, in the absence of an award
 26 under this chapter, would deter the scholarship applicant from
 27 completing the applicant's education at the approved
 28 postsecondary educational institution that the applicant has
 29 selected and that has accepted the applicant.

30 (4) Subject to subsection (b), if the student initially enrolls in an
 31 eligible institution for a semester (or its equivalent) beginning
 32 after June 30, 2012, maintain at least the following cumulative
 33 grade point average:

34 (A) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the
 35 applicant's freshman academic year, a cumulative grade point
 36 average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory
 37 academic progress.

38 (B) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the
 39 applicant's sophomore academic year, a cumulative grade
 40 point average of 2.25 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent
 41 as established by the eligible institution.

42 (C) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the

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- 1 applicant's junior or senior academic year, a cumulative grade
 2 point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as
 3 established by the eligible institution.
- 4 (5) Continue to meet any other minimum criteria established by
 5 the commission.
- 6 **(6) Meet the requirements described under IC 21-12-13-2.5.**
- 7 (b) After the first semester or its equivalent at the eligible institution
 8 that a person does not achieve the requisite cumulative grade point
 9 average specified in subsection (a)(4), the person is considered to be on
 10 probation and must achieve the requisite cumulative grade point
 11 average by the next semester or its equivalent at the eligible institution
 12 in order to continue to receive benefits under this chapter.
- 13 SECTION 5. IC 21-12-6-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
 14 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 8. A scholarship may be renewed under
 16 this chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed the
 17 equivalent of ~~eight (8) semesters~~ **four (4) academic years**.
- 18 SECTION 6. IC 21-12-8-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
 19 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 6. The commission shall determine the
 21 maximum number of part-time student grants available to applicants.
 22 However, with respect to a particular student, the total of the academic
 23 terms for which:
- 24 (1) part-time student grants under this chapter; and
 25 (2) Frank O'Bannon grants;
 26 are made may not exceed the equivalent of ~~eight (8) semesters~~ **four (4)**
 27 **academic years** of full-time study. The commission shall treat each
 28 academic term for which a Frank O'Bannon grant is made as one (1)
 29 academic term.
- 30 SECTION 7. IC 21-12-9-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2007,
 31 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 7. (a) The money in the fund shall be used
 33 to provide annual scholarships to insurance students who qualify under
 34 section 9 of this chapter. The commission shall determine the amount
 35 of money to be allocated from the fund for scholarships under this
 36 chapter.
- 37 (b) A scholarship awarded under this chapter may be used only for
 38 the payment of tuition or fees that are:
- 39 (1) approved by the state educational institution that awards the
 40 scholarship; and
 41 (2) not otherwise payable under any other scholarship or form of
 42 financial assistance specifically designated for tuition or fees.

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1 (c) Subject to section 8(c) of this chapter, each scholarship awarded
 2 under this chapter is renewable under section 9 of this chapter for a
 3 total number of terms that does not exceed ~~eight (8) full-time semesters~~
 4 ~~(or the equivalent) or twelve (12) full-time quarters (or the equivalent):~~
 5 **four (4) academic years.**

6 SECTION 8. IC 21-12-13-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.169-2011,
 7 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to the following
 9 scholarship and fee remission statutes:

- 10 (1) IC 21-12-3.
 11 (2) IC 21-12-4.
 12 (3) IC 21-12-6.
 13 (4) IC 21-12-8.
 14 (5) IC 21-12-9.
 15 (6) IC 21-13-2.
 16 (7) IC 21-13-3.
 17 (8) IC 21-13-4.
 18 (9) IC 21-14-5.
 19 (10) IC 21-14-6-2.

20 (b) Except as provided in sections 3 and 4 of this chapter, a grant or
 21 reduction in tuition or fees, including all renewals and extensions,
 22 under any of the laws listed in subsection (a) may not exceed ~~eight (8)~~
 23 **four (4) full-time undergraduate semesters academic years** or its
 24 equivalent, as determined by the commission and must be used within
 25 eight (8) years after the date the individual first applies and becomes
 26 eligible for benefits under the applicable law.

27 SECTION 9. IC 21-12-13-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 28 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 29 [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) This section**
 30 **applies:**

- 31 **(1) to a student who initially enrolls in a state educational**
 32 **institution after July 31, 2014; and**
 33 **(2) to the following scholarship statutes:**
 34 **(A) IC 21-12-3.**
 35 **(B) IC 21-12-4.**
 36 **(C) IC 21-12-6.**

37 **(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a student shall request to**
 38 **renew a grant or reduction in tuition or fees for any scholarships,**
 39 **awards, or grants under any of the laws listed in subsection (a)(2)**
 40 **after completion of an academic year for a total of three (3)**
 41 **undergraduate academic years following the academic year of the**
 42 **first award or reduction in tuition or fees, or until an earlier time**



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1 as the student receives a degree normally obtained in four (4)
 2 undergraduate academic years. Except as provided in
 3 IC 21-12-14-1(b), a student may not renew a grant or reduction in
 4 tuition or fees under any scholarships, awards, or grants under any
 5 of the laws listed in subsection (a)(2) if the student does not timely
 6 complete the academic requirements specified by the student's
 7 degree map under IC 21-12-14-2(3). A student shall submit
 8 verification, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the
 9 commission, that the student is timely meeting the requirements
 10 specified in the student's degree map described under
 11 IC 21-12-14-2(3).

12 SECTION 10. IC 21-12-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 13 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 14 UPON PASSAGE]:

15 **Chapter 14. Degree Maps**

16 **Sec. 1. (a) Not later than August 1, 2013, the commission shall**
 17 **develop guidelines or rules under IC 4-22-2, in consultation with**
 18 **state educational institutions, to provide a state educational**
 19 **institution guidance for establishing degree maps for each full-time**
 20 **student attending the state educational institution. The commission**
 21 **may adopt emergency rules in the manner set forth in**
 22 **IC 4-22-2-37.1. The rules or guidelines shall include:**

23 (1) procedures for establishing a degree map with a student,
 24 including requirements for adjusting a degree map in
 25 situations in which the student changes the student's field of
 26 study;

27 (2) procedures that a state educational institution must follow
 28 to comply with IC 21-12-13-2.5;

29 (3) requirements and guidance for a state educational
 30 institution to determine when the state educational institution
 31 must offer a course at no cost to a student under section 3 of
 32 this chapter;

33 (4) requirements for excusing a student from complying with
 34 the student's degree map described under subsection (b); and

35 (5) anything the commission determines is necessary to
 36 implement this chapter.

37 (b) This subsection applies to a student that is subject to the
 38 requirements set forth in IC 21-12-13-2.5. The guidelines or rules
 39 established by the commission under this section shall include
 40 requirements for waiving the requirements set forth in
 41 IC 21-12-13-2.5:

42 (1) if the student is serving on active duty in the armed forces

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1 of the United States or the national guard;

2 (2) if the student has a physical or mental disability or a
3 serious illness; or

4 (3) for an extenuating circumstance that prevents the student
5 from complying with IC 21-12-13-2.5 and that is recognized
6 by the commission.

7 **Sec. 2.** This section applies to a student who initially enrolls in
8 a state educational institution after July 31, 2014. A state
9 educational institution shall develop a degree map for each
10 full-time student based on the student's specific educational
11 objective or course of study. A full-time student's degree map must
12 contain:

13 (1) an academic term by academic term sequence of course
14 options that will allow the full-time student to complete
15 either:

16 (A) a baccalaureate degree within four (4) academic years;
17 or

18 (B) an associate degree within two (2) academic years;
19 in the student's intended field of study;

20 (2) the expected date that the student will earn a
21 baccalaureate degree or an associate degree described in
22 subdivision (1);

23 (3) the academic requirements that a student must complete
24 each academic year to timely earn a degree described in
25 subdivision (1); and

26 (4) any information the commission determines is appropriate
27 under section 1 of this chapter.

28 **Sec. 3.** This section applies to a student who initially enrolls in
29 a state educational institution after July 31, 2014. A state
30 educational institution shall ensure that courses necessary for the
31 student to comply with the student's degree map are available for
32 the student during the academic term in which the student is
33 required to complete the particular course. If a student who is
34 compliant with the student's degree map is unable to take a course
35 required under the student's degree map for the current academic
36 term either because:

37 (1) the state educational institution does not offer the course
38 during that particular academic term; or

39 (2) the student is unable to enroll in the course:

40 (A) because the course times in which the course is offered
41 conflicts with other course requirements specified for the
42 current academic term in the student's degree map; or

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1 **(B) because the course is full;**
 2 **the state educational institution shall provide the particular course**
 3 **to the student at no cost during the next available academic term**
 4 **in which the course is offered.**

5 **Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a student who initially enrolls**
 6 **in a state educational institution after July 31, 2014. A full-time**
 7 **student is entitled to a performance grant for earning a**
 8 **baccalaureate degree or an associate degree at a state educational**
 9 **institution if the full-time student earns the degree on or before the**
 10 **date the student is expected to earn the degree pursuant to the**
 11 **student's degree map. The performance grant shall be paid by the**
 12 **commission from any funds available to the commission.**

13 **(b) The amount of the performance grant is as follows:**

14 **(1) If the student earns a baccalaureate degree in the**
 15 **academic term in which the student is expected to earn the**
 16 **degree pursuant to the student's degree map, one thousand**
 17 **dollars (\$1,000).**

18 **(2) If the student earns an associate degree in the academic**
 19 **term in which the student is expected to earn the degree**
 20 **pursuant to the student's degree map, seven hundred fifty**
 21 **dollars (\$750).**

22 **(3) If the student earns a baccalaureate degree at least one (1)**
 23 **academic term before the academic term in which the student**
 24 **is expected to earn the baccalaureate degree pursuant to the**
 25 **student's degree map, one thousand five hundred dollars**
 26 **(\$1,500).**

27 **(4) If the student earns an associate degree at least one (1)**
 28 **academic term before the academic term in which the student**
 29 **is expected to earn the associate degree pursuant to the**
 30 **student's degree map, one thousand two hundred fifty dollars**
 31 **(\$1,250).**

32 **(c) To receive a grant under this section, the student must apply**
 33 **to the commission on a form and in a manner prescribed by the**
 34 **commission within sixty (60) days after the date the student earns**
 35 **the degree.**

36 **(d) A student may receive only one (1) performance grant under**
 37 **this section.**

38 SECTION 11. IC 21-13-2-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 39 SECTION 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 40 [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 6. Subject to section 12 of
 41 this chapter, a scholarship may be renewed under this chapter for a
 42 total scholarship award that does not exceed ~~eight (8) semesters~~ ~~(or its~~

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1 ~~equivalent):~~ **four (4) academic years.** However, an eligible institution
 2 may not grant a scholarship renewal to a student for an academic year
 3 that ends later than six (6) years after the date the student received the
 4 initial scholarship under this chapter.

5 SECTION 12. IC 21-13-3-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 6 SECTION 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 7 [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 7. Subject to section 11 of
 8 this chapter, a scholarship awarded may be renewed under section 6 of
 9 this chapter for a total number of terms that does not exceed **four (4)**
 10 **academic years.**

11 (1) ~~eight (8) full-time (or part-time equivalent) semesters; or~~

12 (2) ~~twelve (12) full-time (or part-time equivalent) quarters.~~

13 SECTION 13. IC 21-13-4-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 14 SECTION 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 15 [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 3. Each scholarship
 16 awarded under this chapter:

17 (1) may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship
 18 award that does not exceed the equivalent of ~~eight (8) semesters;~~
 19 **four (4) academic years; and**

20 (2) is subject to other eligibility criteria as established by the
 21 commission.

22 SECTION 14. IC 21-14-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.51-2009,
 23 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to a public
 25 safety officer's child who is less than twenty-four (24) years of age on
 26 the date of the public safety officer's death. The children of a public
 27 safety officer who has been killed in the line of duty are exempt from
 28 the payment of tuition and regularly assessed fees for ~~eight (8)~~
 29 ~~semesters (or the equivalent)~~ **four (4) academic years** in which the
 30 children enroll at a state educational institution or state supported
 31 technical school. The children must be full-time students pursuing a
 32 prescribed course of study.

33 (b) The maximum amount that an eligible applicant is exempt from
 34 paying for a semester hour is an amount equal to the cost of an
 35 undergraduate semester credit hour at the state educational institution
 36 in which the eligible applicant enrolls.

37 SECTION 15. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 209, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development.

(Reference is to SB 209 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 209, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 209 as printed January 18, 2013, Printer's Error.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 2.

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